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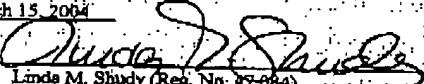
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Filed: June 15, 2001

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Art Unit: 2839

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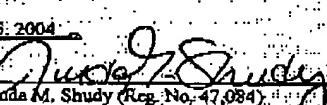
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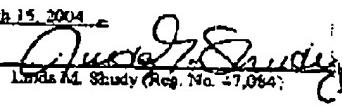
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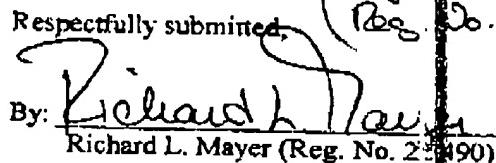
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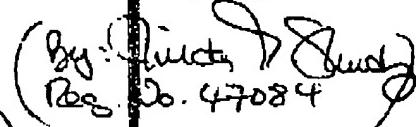
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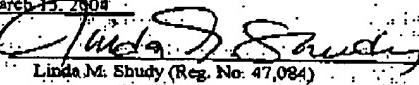
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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.